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Sent: 10/23/2017 9:45:22 PM
To: Williams-Fleetwood, Sharon O. (ATSDR/DCHI/EB) [sow1@cdc.gov]
Subject: Re: Update on Parkersburg WV warehouse fire

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 23, 2017, at 5:37 PM, Williams-Fleetwood, Sharon O. (ATSDR/DCHI/EB) <sow1@cdc.gov> wrote:

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From: Williams-Fleetwood, Sharon O. (ATSDR/DCHI/EB)
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 5:30 PM
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Subject: FW: Update on Parkersburg WV warehouse fire

Over the weekend our R3 office was contacted by EPA about a warehouse fire in Parkersburg, WV. Specifically, the EPA OSC asked for information on air particulate matter exposure levels. Lora contacted Charles Edge, the on-duty officer, to provide the response (see attached). The email below is an update Lora provided today of WVDEP and EPA ongoing air monitoring. I'll keep you posted if EPA requests ATSDR to review any PM results.

One note to mention from the attached email. When the EPA OSC called the CDC 24 hr number initially requesting assistance, she was told to make the request through HHS. Not sure why this answer was given instead of just providing the on-duty call officer information but wanted to bring this to your attention. I'm copying Kerry so that she may make OC aware for follow-up, as needed. Thanks.

Sharon

From: Werner, Lora S. (CDC epa.gov)
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 11:05 AM
To: Williams-Fleetwood, Sharon O. (ATSDR/DCHI/EB) <sow1@cdc.gov>; Edge, Charles (ATSDR/DTHHS/OD) <ibd7@cdc.gov>
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FYI. Talked to OSC Lindsey this morning. The fire is still burning. Shelter in place rec was made recently; schools are closed today.

WVDEP asked EPA for air monitoring assistance over the weekend. WVDEP is doing VOCs monitoring. EPA deployed 5 EBAMs and START contractors to support PM monitoring in the field. No EPA staff are on scene (they are short staffed due to hurricane deployments). Four of the EBAMs are

working and are deployed around the site and are being moved with wind direction. Max reading OSC recalled from START was 79 ug/m3. EPA should get their first compiled PM results a little later this morning. Attached is a map file that depicts the initial locations of the EBAMs; I cannot open it since I don't have google earth. EPA has not seen any of the sampling data so far for the soot or air that command used to make their public statements so far.

News coverage is ongoing – see “UPDATE: Ash from Parkersburg fire declared non-toxic”

<http://www.wdtv.com/content/news/UPDATE--452331573.html>

and residents have uploaded youtube videos of the plume rising above the neighborhood:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S57yOc5HdKw>

EPA may share their PM results for ATSDR review later today – that may depend on what their results show and how the situation evolves. EPA is also in the process of deploying some personal datarams (PDRs) for START to use for roving PM monitoring in the neighborhood. The OSC is concerned that after the main fire is out and smoldering remains that there may be more localized air impacts than they have seen so far, since during this main burning phase the plume has been dispersed pretty high up. Lora

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